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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS UR MP

SUBJECT: ALLEGED SOVIET BASE IN MAURITIUS

REF: (A) PORT LOUIS 480 (B) STATE 130619

1. I CALLED ON PRIME MINISTER RAMGOOLAM YESTERDAY TO INFORM HIM DIRECTLY AND PERSONALLY ABOUT USG POSITION (REF B) ON AFP ARTICLE ALLEGING USSR-GOM DEAL ON SOVIET BASE HERE. PM SAID HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THAT REPORT WHICH HAD BEEN RELAYED TO HIM IN MOGADISCIO AND VERY MUCH APPRECIATED WHAT I HAD TO SAY. HE ALSO EXPRESSED ANNOYANCE AT SOME LOCAL PAPERS WHICH SEEMES TO TAKE MATTER SERIOUSLY WHEN THEY SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THERE WAS NO BASIS FOR SUCH ALLEGATION.

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2. RAMGOOLAM ADDED THAT SINCE STORY WAS PLAYED UP BY AFP,  
HE HAD SUSPICIONS THAT FRENCH WERE SOMEHOW BEHIND STORY  
BECAUSE OF THEIR DISAPPOINTMENT OVER WHAT HAD HAPPENED HERE  
EARLIER. (ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT SAY SO OPENLY, HE WAS OB-  
VIOUSLY REFERRING TO FRENCH FAILURE TO OBTAIN NAVAL FACILITY  
HERE ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO.) I REMARKED ONLY THAT AFP ARTICLE  
HAD BEEN DATELINED WASHINGTON AND I UNAWARE OF ANY FRENCH  
HAND IN THIS. I DID SO IN ORDER NOT TO GIVE ANY IMPRESSION WE  
WERE TRYING TO THROW STONES BETWEEN GOM AND GOF.

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